GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CUG Connection from Private Companies
Bhabhor Shri Jasvantsinh Sumanbhai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is taking Closed User Group (CUG) connections from private companies instead of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the said decision; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. For selection of Closed User Group (CUG) Mobile services provider, an open Transparent Process was followed in which Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) also participated but could not get selected as the rates offered were not the lowest.
(c) & (d): The current CUG service provider has been engaged for a period of 03 years with effect from May, 2015 to April, 2018. After completion of the period, a new service provider will again be selected following an open transparent process.
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